

I am an XM user. As a consumer I am appalled that the government is considering telling what I can and can not hear. After years of listening to FM I was sick and tired of hearing commercials every five minutes that go on and on. I was sick and tired of hearing the same songs played over and over. I was sick and tired of "contests" and "games" that were made to appear as if they were local when in fact you are competing against people from numerous different states. I was sick and tired of using a product that did not appeal to me. Now I have a choice. I have XM radio and Sirius radio. And now, the FM stations are scared. Why? Because they know that there is a group of people out there willing to pay to get rid of the things they are "sick and tired" of with regards to regular radio. However, there are also people who are NOT willing to pay. So why is it that those who are willing to pay are being punished? Those who wanted to pay for cable television weren't punished when they wanted their local stations broadcast with cable. Some people will claim that if XM & Sirius were to offer local news, traffic, sports and weather that more people would use their services and create concentration among the media resulting in only a few media companies that hold a lot of cultural, economic and political power. The people that think this way are wrong. Read this article to find out why: <http://www.reason.com/0401/fe.bc.domination.shtml> For someone to tell me what I can and can not listen to is wrong. It is a direct violation of my first amendment. With as many things going on in the world today making America look worse and worse, this is the last thing we need. Those who favors restricting XM & Sirius are doing this Nation a great injustice and hurting every American.